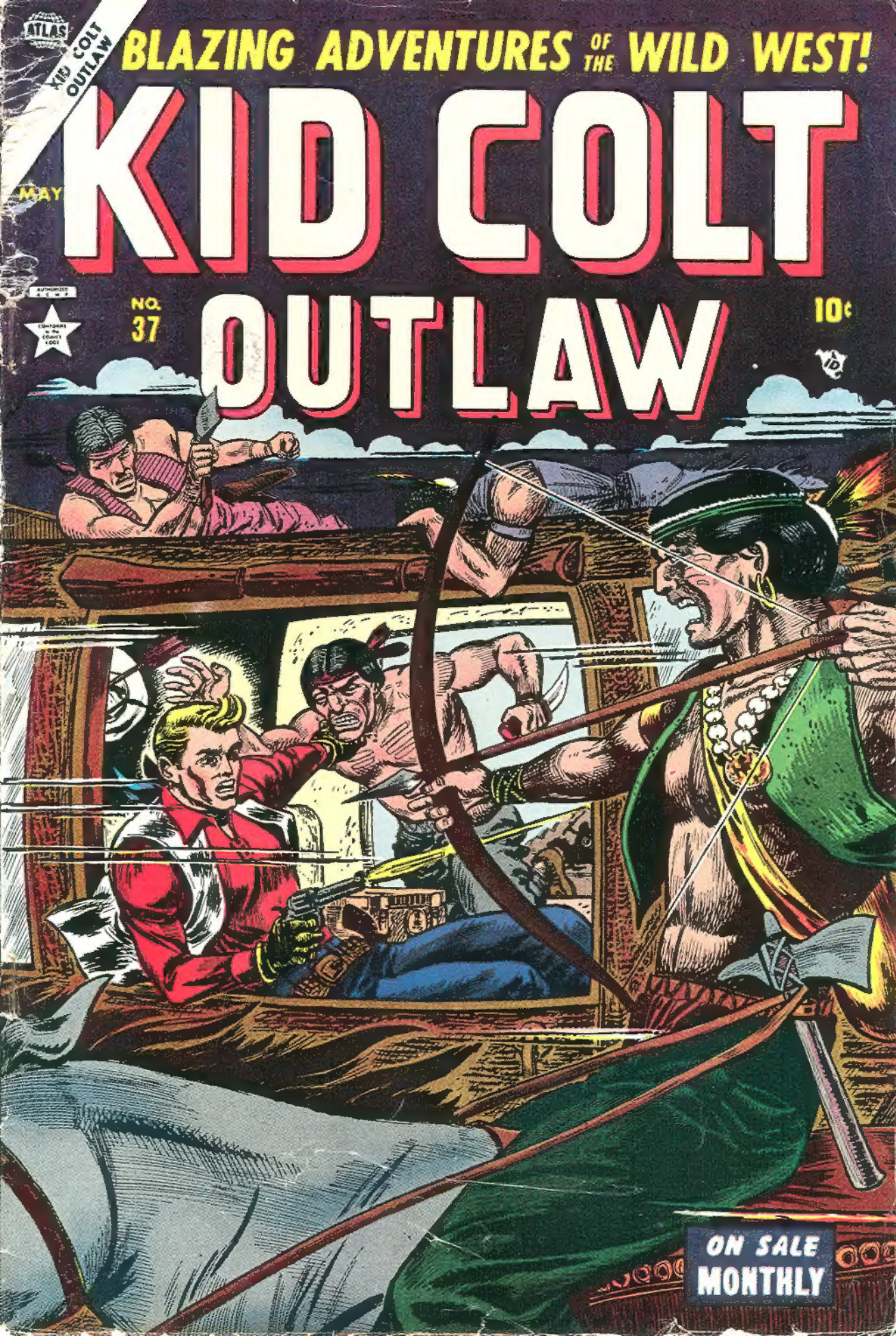
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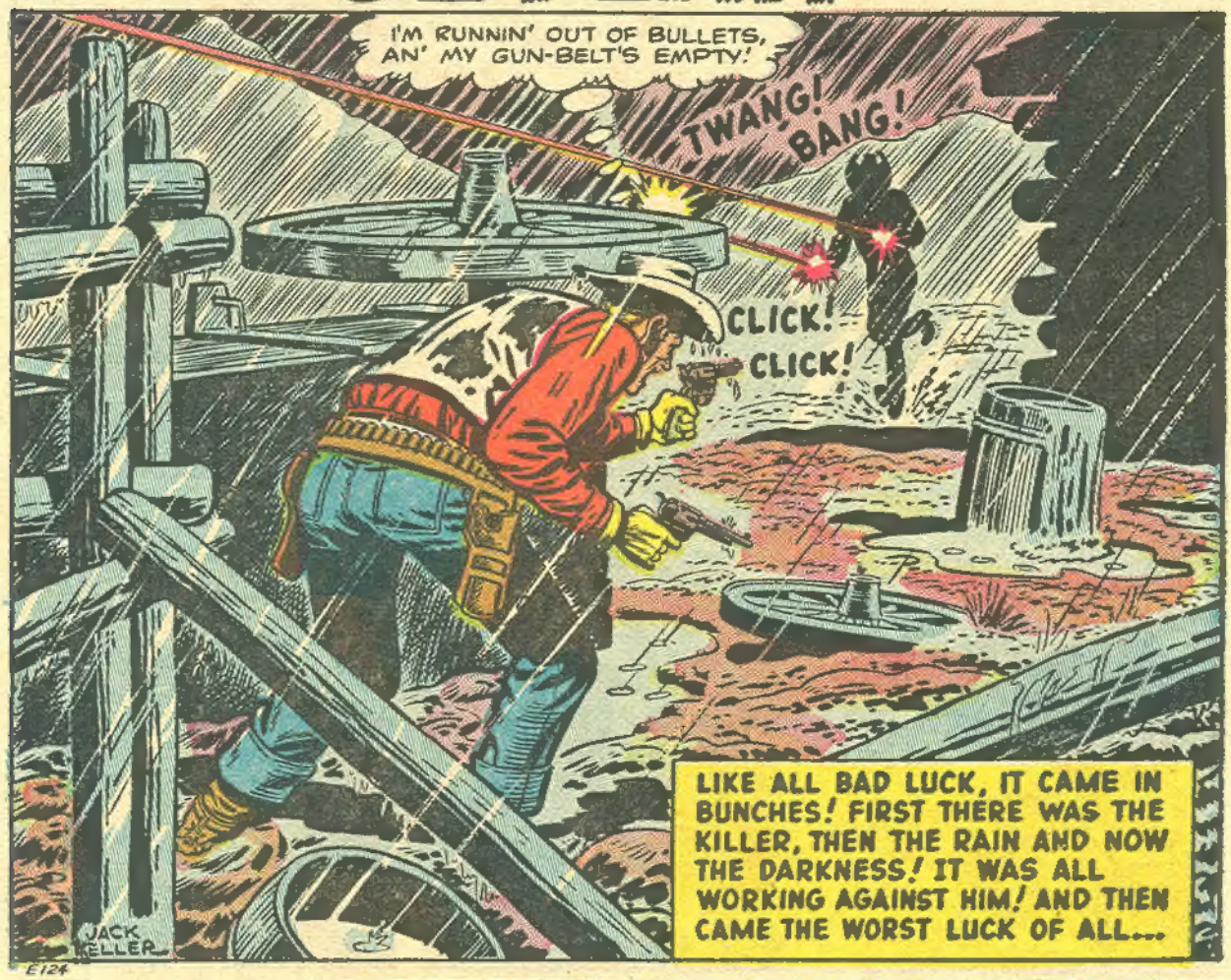
I'M RUNNIN' OUT OF BULLETS, AN' MY GUN-BELT'S EMPTY!
TWANG!
BANG!
CLICK!
CLICK!
LIKE ALL BAD LUCK, IT CAME IN BUNCHES! FIRST THERE WAS THE KILLER, THEN THE RAIN AND NOW THE DARKNESS! IT WAS ALL WORKING AGAINST HIM! AND THEN CAME THE WORST LUCK OF ALL...
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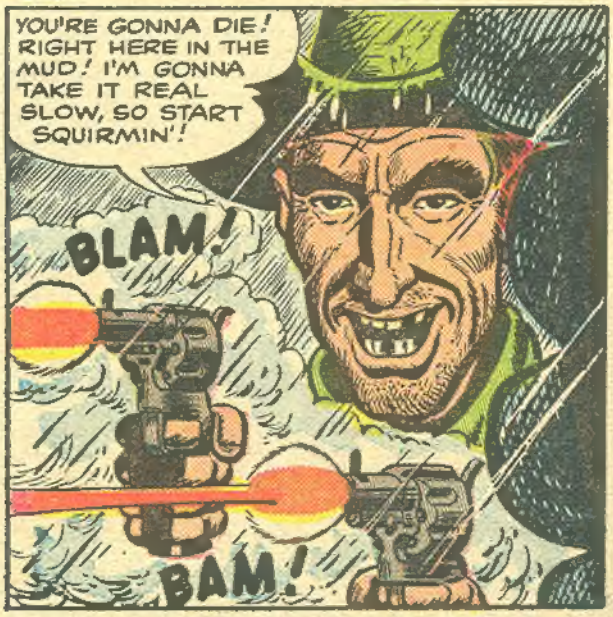

AND IN THAT RAW, TENSE MOMENT, AS THE RAIN SLOSHED DOWN, HIS THOUGHTS RACED BACK TO A PERIOD LESS THAN TWELVE HOURS BEFORE, WHEN THE FEEL OF THE SADDLE WAS BENEATH HIM AND LIFE SEEMED LONG AND WITHOUT END..

IT SURE IS A GREAT DAY FOR RIDIN', STEEL, OL' BOY! THERE'S NOTHIN' LIKE A FINE SPRING MORNIN' TO MAKE A MAN FEEL AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD!

THOSE WERE HIS THOUGHTS, BUT A DOZEN STRIDES BEYOND, HIS DAY-DREAMS WERE SENT SCURRYING LIKE LEAVES BEFORE A GUST OF WIND!

WHA...?

CRACK!

NOW YOU STAY RIGHT WHAR YOU ARE, AN' YUH BETTER NOT BE TRYIN' ANY FUNNY STUFF EITHER! I'M A' COMIN' OUT TUH LOOK YUH OVER, BUT I'LL HAVE A BEAD ON YER MIDDLE EVERY SECOND!

NO NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ME, OL'-TIMER! BUT I RECKON YOU MUST BE SCARED OF SOMEONE!

NOT SCARED, YOUNG FELLA, JEST CAREFUL! AFTER ALL, YUH MIGHT BE ONE O' JIM BEARDON'S SPIES!

I NEVER HEARD OF BEARDON, AN' I'M NO SPY! THE NAME'S KID COLT, AN' I'M PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!

KID COLT! WAL, OF ALL THE DONKEY-EARED CRITTERS, I GUESS *I'M* THE BIGGEST O' THE LOT! ONLY A PRIZE JACKASS WOULD TRY DRAWIN' ON A FELLA LIKE *YOU!*

THEY CALL ME DUSTY! I'M IN TROUBLE, SON! I NEED HELP AN' I NEED IT BAD!

I'D LIKE TO HELP, DUSTY! SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!

SO THE TWO OF THEM RODE SIDE BY SIDE, WHILE THE OLD MAN UNBURDENED HIS HEART...

IT'S MUH GOLD THEY'RE AFTER! FER TWENTY YEARS I'VE SWEATED AN' TOILED WITH NOTHIN' TUH SHOW! THEN THIS SPRING, I HIT IT RICH! NOW THEY'RE OUT TUH STEAL IT FROM ME!

HOW DOES THIS BEARDON FIT IN?

WHO'D LIKE TUH KNOW?
BEARDON!
FOR A WHILE THERE WAS ONLY CRUSHING SILENCE, AND THEN BEARDON SPOKE UP...
I DON'T TAKE TUH NOSY STRANGERS, BUT BEIN' I GOT PRESSIN' BUSINESS WITH DUSTY, I'LL GIVE YUH THE CHANCE OF RIDIN' OFF, UNDER YER OWN POWER!
NOTHIN' DOIN', BEARDON!
DUSTY'S GIVEN ME AN INVITE FOR SUPPER, AN' I'VE NEVER PASSED UP A FREE FEED YET!
SASS ME, WILL YA?
WHY, I'LL... OWWWW!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF SHOOTIN' IN MUH TIME, BUT NOTHIN' LIKE THIS! I RECKON THEY'LL KEEP A'RUNNIN' TILL THAR HOSSES DROP BENEATH 'EM!
FOR THE MOMENT THEY'RE RUNNIN', BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'VE QUIT!
NOT LONG AFTERWARD, IN DUSTY'S SHACK...
THIS IS A SAMPLE OF THE ORE, KID, AN' THAR'S PLENTY MORE WHAR THIS CAME FROM! THE VEIN'S IN ONE OF THEM CAVES UP IN THE BUTTES, BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHICH ONE!
AN' BEARDON IS TRYIN' TO MAKE YOU TALK!
THAT'S ABOUT HOW IT STACKS UP! FIRST THEY USED TALK, THEN THREATS... AN' NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY INTEND CARRYIN' 'EM OUT!
IN THAT CASE, DUSTY, I'D JUST AS SOON STICK AROUND SOME! MAYBE TOGETHER WE CAN WORK SOMETHIN' OUT!

BUT WHILE THE KID MADE HIS PLANS, BEARDON WAS BUSY WITH HIS OWN...
HE'S A PRETTY FAST SHOT, TURPE, BUT HE DON'T RATE IN YOUR CLASS! WHAT D'YA SAY?
MEBBE, BEARDON! WHATCH'A FIGGERIN' ON MY FEE?
RUM
A HUNDRED NOW, THE BALANCE WHEN HIS TOES POINT TUH THE SKY!
YOU'RE ON, BEARDON! I'LL HAVE MY LUNCH AN' RIDE ON OUT!
IT WASN'T LONG AFTERWARD WHEN THE RAIN BEGAN TO FALL, A STEADY DOWNPOUR WITH NO SIGNS OF LETTING UP...
FUNNY HOW THE DAY CHANGED! ONE MINUTE THE SUN'S SHININ', AN' NOW IT'S GONE LIKE IT'S NEVER COMIN' BACK!
THE WEATHER IS PRETTY MUCH LIKE LIFE, SON! FULL O' SURPRISES AN' THE UNEXPECTED!
AND NOT FAR OFF, THRU THE DRENCHING RAIN, A LEAN-FACED KILLER PRESSED FORWARD ALONG THE TRAIL...
THEN...
YOU HEAR SOMETHIN', DUSTY? SOUNDED LIKE A HORSE TURNIN' IN THIS WAY!
MUH EARS CAN'T BE TRUSTED, KID, 'SPECIALLY WHEN I'M EATIN'! BUT I THINK YOU'RE WRONG!
NO ONE'D BE OUT ON A DAY LIKE....HUH?
C'MON OUT, GUNSLINGER! IF YO'RE NOT THE LILY-LIVERED COYOTE I SAY YUH ARE, YOU'LL COME OUT FIGHTIN'!
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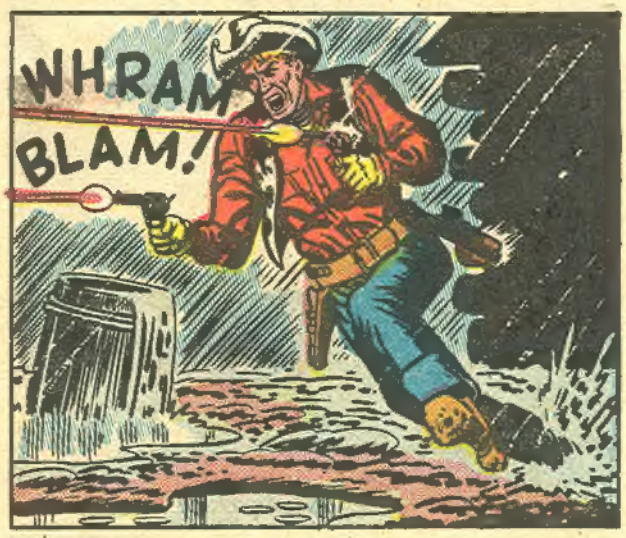
WE'RE DEALIN' WITH A REAL HAWK THIS TIME, DUSTY! YOU LAY LOW! I'M GONNA SLIP OUT THE BACK DOOR!
TAKE IT EASY, KID! DON'T BE TAKING CHANCES FER ME!
BANG!
BLAM
TWANG!

THEN HE CAME AROUND THE CORNER OF THE HOUSE FAST, WHILE BOTH GUNS SHATTERED THE RAIN-DRENCHED GLOOM WITH ORANGE BURSTS!



AND THEN HE DROPPED FAST, BEHIND A PILE OF KINDLING...

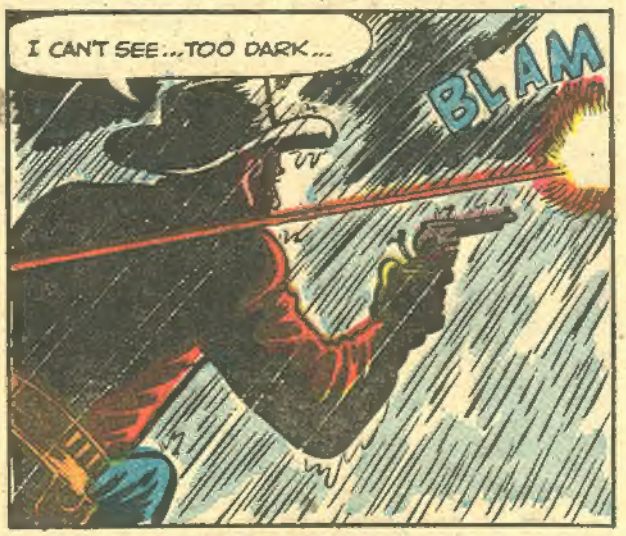
THIS RAIN AN' GLOOM ISN'T HELPIN' EITHER OF US! RECKON I'LL HAVE TO CHASE OVER TO THAT WAGON YONDER AN' GET IN A BETTER POSITION!
BLAM!

HE HEARD THE KILLER'S MOVEMENT, BUT THE GLOOM HAD TURNED TO INKY PITCH! THEN THE WORSE LUCK OF ALL HAPPENED...

AND THAT IS WHAT BROUGHT HIM HERE, WITH THE RAIN BEATING DOWN AND THE WORSE KIND OF LUCK HE'D EVER KNOWN STARING HIM IN THE FACE...

THEN THE VOICE CAME FROM OUT OF THE GLOOM... SLICK AND FULL OF CONFIDENCE...

THE ROAR CRASHED PAST HIS EAR, A HAIR'S BREADTH OFF, AND THE ACRID SMELL OF GUN-POWDER HELD THE STENCH OF DEATH...



AND THEN HIS LUCK CHANGED...

THE DARKNESS RETURNED, SUDDEN AND COMPLETE, AND THE KILLER'S FORM LAY PROSTRATE IN THE GRAY MUD WITH THE RAIN BEATING DOWN ON THE STIFFENING FLESH...

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

I'VE JUST COME FROM TOWN, KID, AN' I HEAR THAT BEARDON AN' HIS CROWD LIT OUT FER PARTS UNKNOWN! RECKON THEY FIGGER YOU'D BE COMIN' AFTER 'EM!
NO NEED FOR THAT, DUSTY! I RECKON THEY *WON'T* BE COMIN' BACK NOW, AN' THAT MEANS YOUR' SECRET CAVE IS SAFE!

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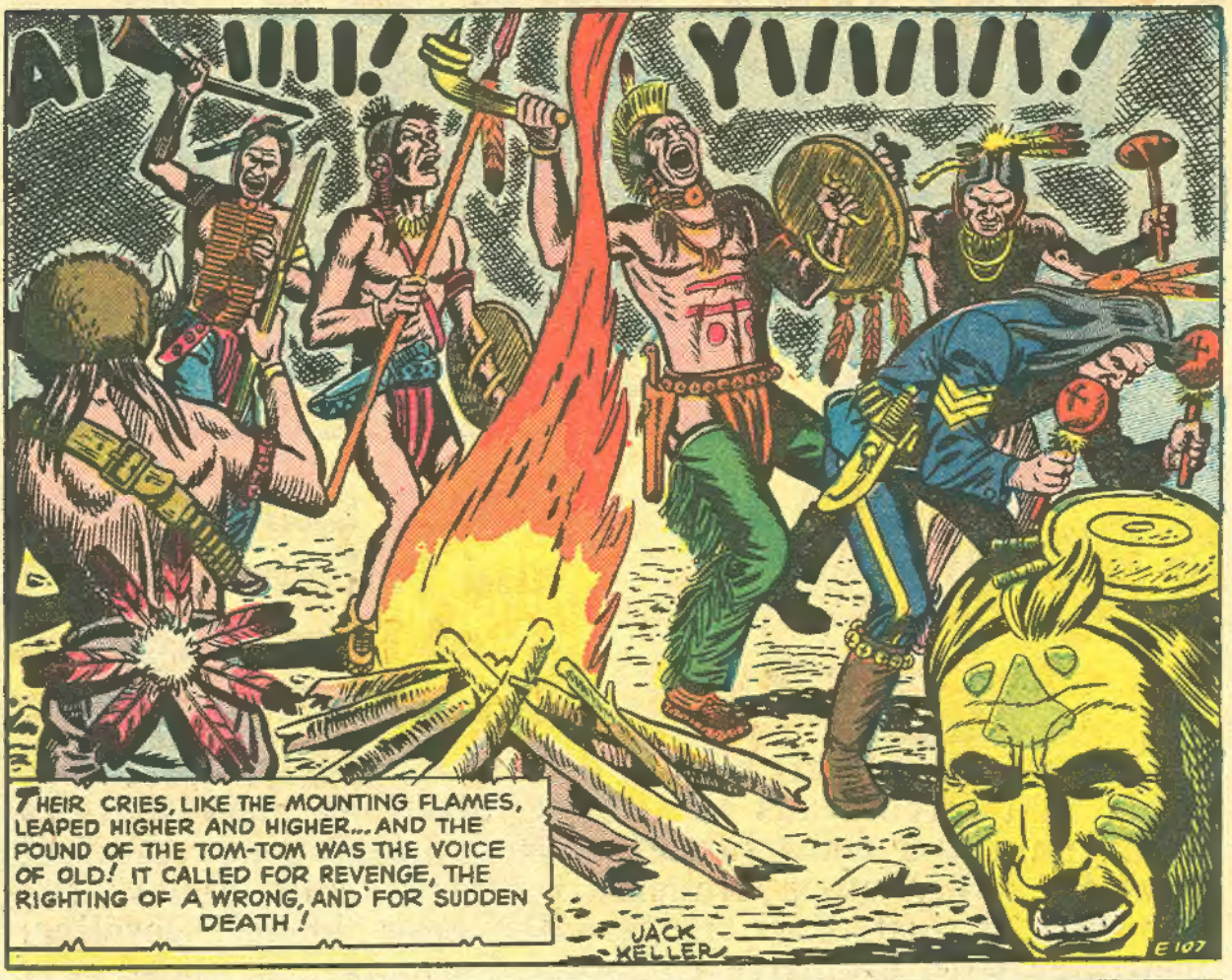
AI !!!! ! YIIIII !
THEIR CRIES, LIKE THE MOUNTING FLAMES, LEAPED HIGHER AND HIGHER... AND THE POUND OF THE TOM-TOM WAS THE VOICE OF OLD! IT CALLED FOR REVENGE, THE RIGHTING OF A WRONG, AND FOR SUDDEN DEATH!
JACK KELLER
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WE ARE MEN, NOT ANIMALS THAT HIDE IN THE FORESTS! IF THE NEW WHITE EAGLE WILL NOT TREAT US AS MEN, THEN OUR WRATH WILL FALL UPON HIM LIKE STONES FROM THE MOUNTAINS!

BUT THE RALLYING CRY FROZE ON THEIR LIPS, AS A POWERFULLY BUILT HORSEMAN APPROACHED THEIR FIRE...
LOOK! IT IS THE WHITE BROTHER!
HE IS NO BROTHER! SHOULD THE NEED COME, HE WOULD TURN AGAINST US!
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SLOWLY, THE FAMILIAR FIGURE RODE INTO THEIR MIDST, HIS CLEAR, GREY EYES NOTING EVERY DETAIL...
YOUR COUNSEL IS NO LONGER SOUGHT! OUR EARS ARE TURNED AGAINST YOU!
I RECKON YOU CAN'T SPEAK FOR EVERYONE, RUNNIN' BEAR... AN' I'VE KNOWN THE COMANCHES TOO LONG TO BELIEVE THEY WOULDN'T GIVE A MAN A CHANCE TO SAY HIS PIECE!
MAYBE YOU DO HAVE A LEGITIMATE GRIPE AGAINST THE NEW COLONEL, BUT GOIN' ON THE WARPATH WON'T HELP MATTERS! I'M POSITIVE THE AGENT IN THE TERRITORY WILL PRESENT YOUR GRIEVANCES AND THE COLONEL WILL SEE THINGS IN A NEW LIGHT!
BUT THE AGENT HAS SETTLED NOTHING, WHITE BROTHER! THE WHITE EAGLE STILL RULES WITH AN IRON HAND! HIS WARRIORS STEAL UPON US, SEARCH OUR TENTS AND BRING GREAT SHAME UPON US!
I'M WILLIN' TO GO TO THE COLONEL MYSELF AND SPEAK YOUR CAUSE! ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU WAIT IT OUT!
YOUR COUNSEL HAS PROVEN GREAT WISDOM IN THE PAST! TO TURN A DEAF EAR NOW WOULD SHOW US AS UNGRATEFUL! IT WILL BE DONE!
BAH! THIS WOMAN TALK FILLS RUNNING BEAR WITH DISGUST!
PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM, WHITE BROTHER! HE IS BUT ONE! THE OTHERS HAVE FAITH!
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT NIGHT, THE KID RODE HARD... AND WITH THE COMING OF DAWN, HE FACED THE BRISTLING IRE OF THE CAVALRY COMMANDER...
I'VE SEEN ALL KINDS OF INSOLENCE... BUT YOURS IS THE GREATEST PIECE OF ARROGANCE I'VE EVER RUN INTO!
IT WASN'T INTENDED AS SUCH, COLONEL!
I'LL DRAW MY OWN CONCLUSIONS! YOU'RE AN OUTLAW, COLT, AND YOU CAN THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS YOU'RE NOT WANTED UNDER FEDERAL LAW! BUT MESS AROUND WHERE MY COMMAND IS CONCERNED, AND YOU WON'T LIVE LONG TO REGRET IT!

YOU'RE NEW HERE, COLONEL, AND YOU'VE YET TO LEARN-THAT INDIANS HAVE THEIR PRIDE TOO! YOU BELIEVE YOU'RE DOIN' RIGHT, BUT TO ANY MAN WHO KNOWS THIS TERRITORY YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE!
ME MAKE A MISTAKE?
I HEARD HIM, DAD! WHY, HE'S THE MOST IMPUDENT MAN I'VE EVER HEARD!
HOW DARE YOU ACCUSE MY FATHER OF MAKING A MISTAKE! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
THAT'S A LONG STORY, MA AM, AN' I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STAYIN' THAT LONG! GOOD-BY!
THE FAMED OUTLAW STARTED BACK, HIS HEART HEAVY WITH THE DISAPPOINTING NEWS...
HE'S NOTHIN' BUT A STUBBORN MULE! I RECKON RUNNING BEAR WILL HAVE HIS SAY NOW!
BUT A MOMENT LATER, THE KID'S THOUGHTS WERE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED...
HALT! I HAVE ORDERS FROM COL. MASON TO PLACE YOU UNDER ARREST FOR CONTEMPT, AND RETURN YOU TO THE FORT!
I'M SORRY, LIEUTENANT...
"...BUT I'VE BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
THEN THE SOD FLEW FROM HIS HORSE'S HOOFS AS THE POWERFUL STALLION BROKE INTO A FULL GALLOP...
THAT DOES IT! I'LL TELL WHITE CLOUD AN' THE OTHERS THERE'S NO DEALIN' WITH THE COLONEL! THEY CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE, AN' I'LL PULL STAKES OUTTA THE TERRITORY!
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Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

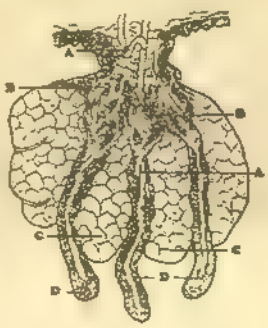
BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. ***DRY SEBORRHEA:*** The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. ***OILY SEBORRHEA:*** The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is to INVITE BALDNESS.



DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLE
Caused By Seborrhea
A — Dead hairs; B — Hair-destroying bacteria; C — Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D — Atrophic follicles.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

A post-war development, Comate Medicinal Formula kills these three germ organisms on contact. Proof of Comate's germ-killing properties has been demonstrated in laboratory tests recently conducted by one of the leading testing laboratories in America. (Complete report on file and copies are available on request.)

When used as directed, Comate Medicinal Formula controls seborrhea—stimulates the flow of blood to the scalp—helps stop scalp itch and burn—improves the appearance of your hair and scalp—helps STOP HAIR LOSS due to seborrhea. Your hair looks more attractive and alive

You may safely follow the example of thousands who first were skeptical, then curious, and finally decided to avail themselves of Comate Medicinal Formula.

A Few of the Many Grateful Expressions By Users of Comate Medicinal Formula

"My hair was coming out for years and I tried everything. Nothing stopped it until I tried Comate. Now my hair has stopped coming out. It looks so much thicker. My friends have noticed my hair and they all say it looks so much better." —Mrs. R.E.J., Stevenson, Ala.

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"This formula is everything if not more than you say it is. I am very happy with what it's doing for my hair." —T.J., Las Cruces, New Mexico

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THROUGH THE LONG DAY AND INTO THE NIGHT HE PRESSED FORWARD! THEN, WHERE MOONLIGHT TURNED A STREAM TO SILVER...
HOA! GREAT BROTHER!
WHITE CLOUD!
SWIFTLY, THE INDIAN RELATED HIS NEWS...
THE TWO-TONGUED RUNNING BEAR HAS SEIZED THE WHITE EAGLE'S DAUGHTER WHILE SHE RODE UPON HER HORSE AND NOW HOLDS HER CAPTIVE! HE THREATENS DEATH, UNLESS THE WHITE EAGLE ACCEPTS HIS TERMS!
THE COLONEL IS BOUND TO BLAME YOUR WHOLE TRIBE, AND TAKE IT OUT ON, THEM!
YOUR WORDS HAVE ALREADY COME TO PASS! AT THIS VERY MOMENT THE WHITE EAGLE LEADS HIS WARRIORS AGAINST MY PEOPLE!
THEN WE'VE GOT TO HEAD HIM OFF! MAYBE WE CAN DO SOME GOOD YET!
MEANWHILE, AT THE HEAD OF THE GALLOPING CAVALRY...
I SHOULD'VE SLAPPED THAT OUTLAW IN CHAINS BEFORE WE LEFT THE FORT!
ONLY A FIRST-GRADE SNAKE WOULD BETRAY HIS OWN KIND! IF WE MEET AGAIN, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT!
BUT MOMENTS LATER, TO THEIR SHOCKED SURPRISE...
IT'S HIM! I'LL PICK HIM OFF FROM HERE!
HOLD ON, LIEUTENANT! MEG ISN'T WITH HIM! HE'S PROBABLY COME TO TALK TERMS!
AS THE BODY CAME TO A JANGLING HALT, THE KID FEARLESSLY RODE UP...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN' COLONEL, BUT IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT! I DIDN'T KIDNAP YOUR DAUGHTER, BUT I KNOW WHO DID! IF WE KEEP STEADY HEADS, THERE'S A CHANCE OF GETTING HER BACK WITHOUT HARM!
IT'S THE ACT OF A SINGLE COMANCHE, A HALF-CRAZED BRAVE WHO'S GOT A NOTION HE CAN TAKE MATTERS IN HIS OWN HANDS! IF YOU GIVE ME TILL DAWN, I THINK I CAN TRAIL HIM DOWN AN' FETCH THE GIRL!
IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, UNLESS I GO WITH YOU!
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I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE, LIEUTENANT! IF I'M NOT BACK BY DAWN, YOU HAVE MY ORDERS TO TURN YOUR CANNON ON THE TRIBE! IF THIS IS A TRICK, WE'LL TURN IT INTO A BLOOD BATH THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!
SOMETIME LATER, ALONG A NARROW TRAIL...
INDIAN PONY COME THIS WAY... ONLY HOOF, NO SHOE! MARK IN EARTH IS VERY DEEP! THIS MEANS THE PONY CARRY GREAT WEIGHT!
THAT MUST BE RUNNING BEAR ALL RIGHT, AND HE HAS THE GIRL WITH HIM!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'LL BE MUCH LONGER, COLONEL, BUT I'D ADVISE YOU TO WAIT BACK HERE! THIS ISN'T THE KINDA TERRAIN NOR FIGHTIN' YOU'D BE FAMILIAR WITH!
I MIGHT BE GREEN TO THE WEST, BUT I'M NOT AFRAID! PLEASE PROCEED!
BUT FIFTY PACES AHEAD, THE SNAPPING OF A DRY TWIG BROUGHT SUDDEN ACTION!!!
DOWN!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
AS CLOSE AS IT COULD BE, AN' STILL ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT!
THUD
THEN A SAVAGE VOICE BROKE THE STILLNESS...
COME NO CLOSER! IF YOU DO, THE GIRL DIES BY MY KNIFE!
WHAT NOW, WHITE BROTHER?
YOU KEEP TALKIN' TO HIM, WHITE CLOUD! TRY TALKIN' HIM OUT OF IT! MEANWHILE, I'LL SLIP AROUND FROM BEHIND!.
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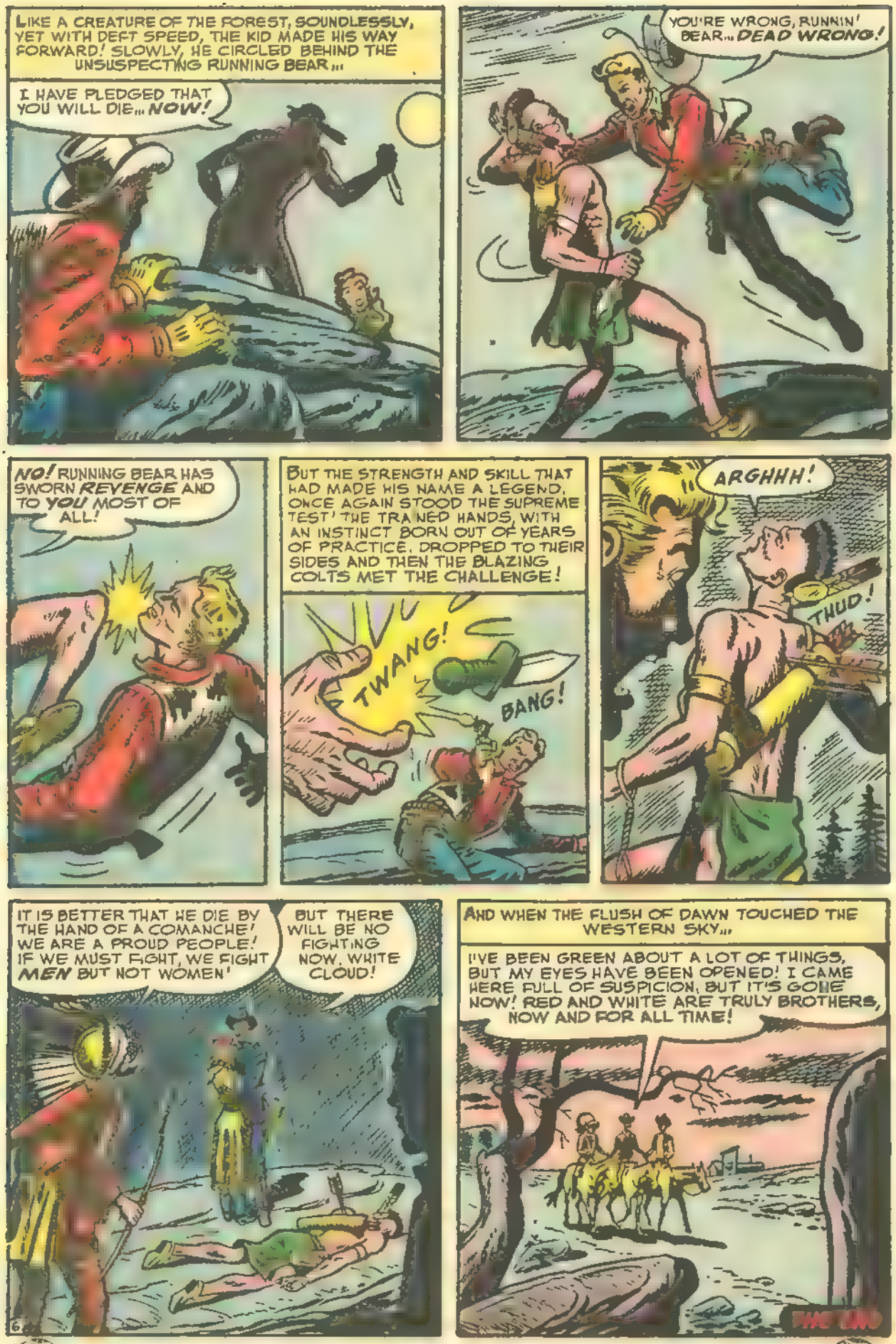
LIKE A CREATURE OF THE FOREST, SOUNDLESSLY, YET WITH DEFT SPEED, THE KID MADE HIS WAY FORWARD! SLOWLY, HE CIRCLED BEHIND THE UNSUSPECTING RUNNING BEAR...
I HAVE PLEDGED THAT YOU WILL DIE... NOW!
YOU'RE WRONG, RUNNIN' BEAR... DEAD WRONG!
NO! RUNNING BEAR HAS SWORN REVENGE AND TO YOU MOST OF ALL!
BUT THE STRENGTH AND SKILL THAT HAD MADE HIS NAME A LEGEND, ONCE AGAIN STOOD THE SUPREME TEST! THE TRAINED HANDS, WITH AN INSTINCT BORN OUT OF YEARS OF PRACTICE, DROPPED TO THEIR SIDES AND THEN THE BLAZING COLTS MET THE CHALLENGE!
TWANG!
BANG!
ARGHHH!
THUD!
IT IS BETTER THAT WE DIE BY THE HAND OF A COMANCHE! WE ARE A PROUD PEOPLE! IF WE MUST FIGHT, WE FIGHT MEN BUT NOT WOMEN!
BUT THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTING NOW, WHITE CLOUD!
AND WHEN THE FLUSH OF DAWN TOUCHED THE WESTERN SKY...
I'VE BEEN GREEN ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS, BUT MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED! I CAME HERE FULL OF SUSPICION, BUT IT'S GONE NOW! RED AND WHITE ARE TRULY BROTHERS, NOW AND FOR ALL TIME!
THE END
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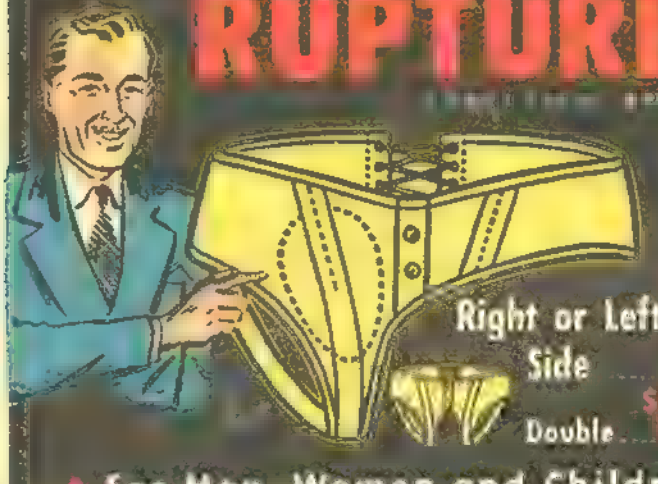

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"ME," said Toby Keller, lifting a mug of beer to his lips, "me, I ain't afraid of a living soul in the world. These forty-fives a'mine can outtalk any good - for - nothing ranny that tries to come into Gunsight and muscle in on my protection racket."

He drained the beer in a single draught, and slammed it down on the bar. At the sound of the empty mug on the oak counter, Henny the bartender rushed over to fill it up. Henny knew that Toby Keller didn't like to wait for his seconds.

"Yep," continued Toby. "So you don't have to go around worryin' about that gang that's been takin' over all them towns. When they find out that Toby Keller's running this town of Gunsight they'll take the side trail and give us a clear berth."

Lon Green made a wry face. He studied Keller for a moment weighing the pro's and con's of what he was about to say. Finally he said: "Tell me, Toby. Do you want me to print that in the Gunsight Courier? If I can quote you, I'll have that statement on tomorrow's front page."

"Why sure enough, pardner," guffawed Toby, impressed by the thought of seeing his words and name in print. "You go right ahead and tell the citizens of Gunsight that Toby Keller's going to protect them from these no-good, marauding sidewinders. I'm giving my boys orders to shoot on sight, and ask questions afterwards."

"Okay, Keller. I'm splashing your picture on the front page. You know for a fact that I don't care for you or your kind, and I think this town would be well off without you, but I'm a newsman and editor of the Gunsight Courier, and it's my job to print the news."

Lon Green threw down a silver dollar on the bar. Then he turned to the gunfighter who stood as if he were posing for the picture. "Anyway," he continued, "it's six of one and half a dozen of the other. If you didn't have this town under your thumb, with that phoney protection racket, that murdering gang of cutthroats would come in and take over. I guess that there's no such thing as law and order in Texas anymore."

Toby Keller smiled at what he thought was a compliment.

"Sure there is," he said, "and I'm it. This is my town and I'm gonna protect it. You just tell the rest o' the citizens that they ain't got nothin' tuh worry about."

"Okay," said Lon Green, "I'll tell them."

Lon watched his wife as she began to set the dinner on the table. He studied her for a while, and then he turned to look at Ben, his ten year old son. After a few moments of uneasy silence, Lon's wife said:

"Lon, I heard tell, in town today, that you're a-fixin' to write a story about how Toby Keller is going to protect the town of Gunsight against that gang that's been robbin' and murderin' its way through Texas."

"That's right, Evvie."

She spun around, still holding the stew pot in her hand.

"But, Lon. You swore you'd never rest until you rid this town of the likes of Toby Keller."

"So?"

"So, you know right well, what I mean. Plasterin' his picture on the front page, and telling everybody in Gunsight how he's goin' to protect us against that gang, ain't going to get rid of him for us. You're making a martyr of him. Yes, that's what you're doing. You're making a martyr of the man you've sworn to destroy."

Lon tugged off a piece of bread, buttered it and put it in his mouth. He said nothing.

Evvie stamped her foot. "Well, say something!"

"There's nothing to say. I know what I've got to do, and I'm doing it. That's all that I can tell you, Evvie. You've just got to have faith in me that I'm doing the right thing."

"All right, Lon. I'll wait and see what it is you've got on your mind."

"Pa."

"What, Ben?"

"Is it true that the gang that's been robbing and murdering all over Texas is the worst ones there ever was?"

"That's the way rumor has it son."

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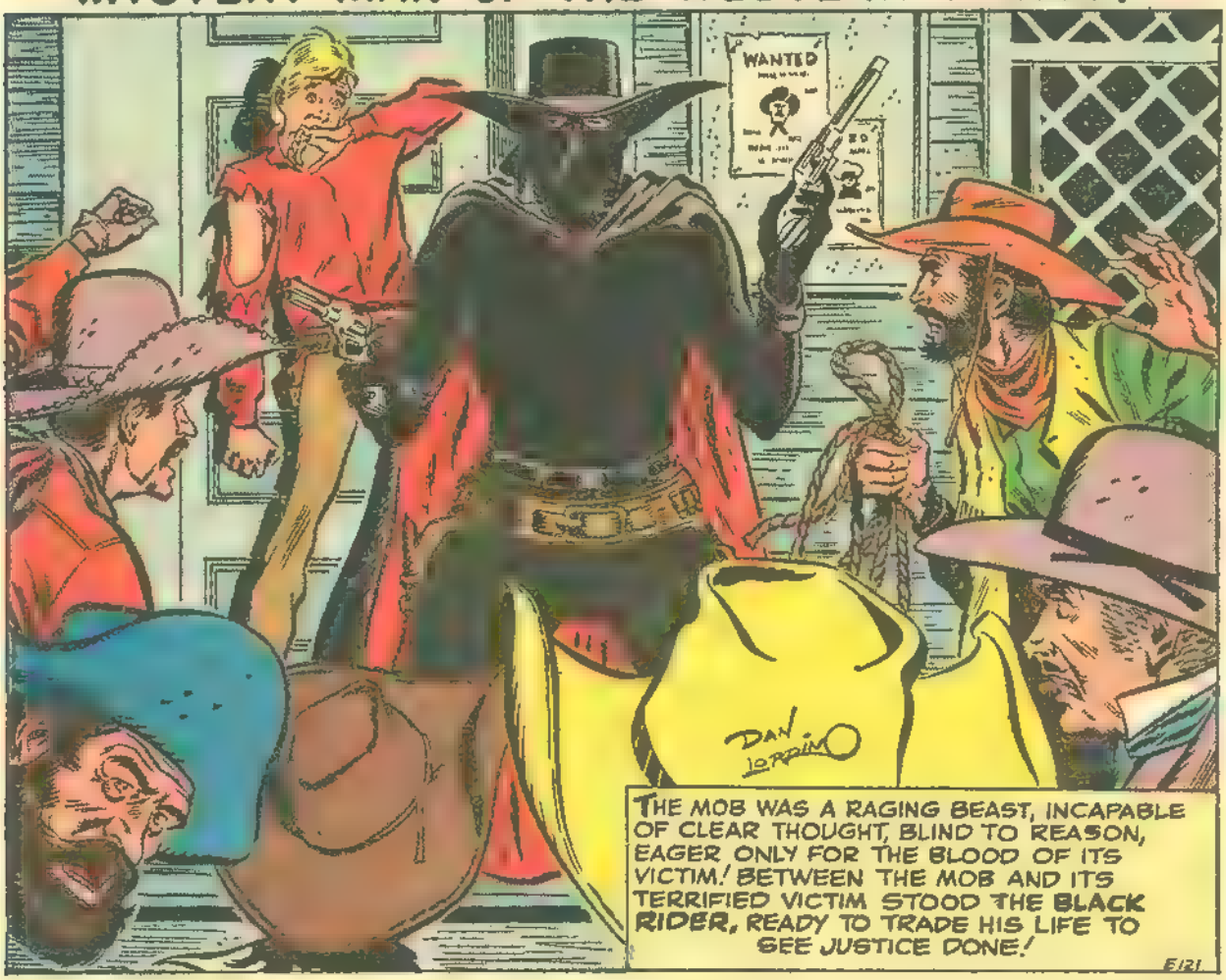
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THE MOB WAS A RAGING BEAST, INCAPABLE OF CLEAR THOUGHT, BLIND TO REASON, EAGER ONLY FOR THE BLOOD OF ITS VICTIM! BETWEEN THE MOB AND ITS TERRIFIED VICTIM STOOD THE BLACK RIDER, READY TO TRADE HIS LIFE TO SEE JUSTICE DONE!
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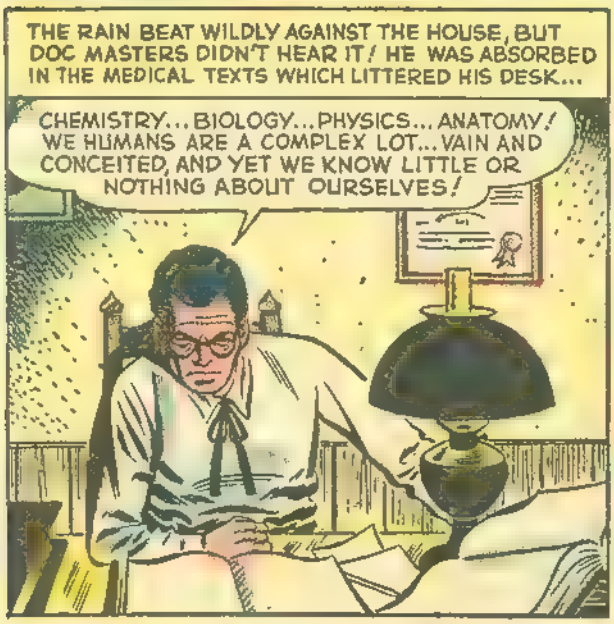
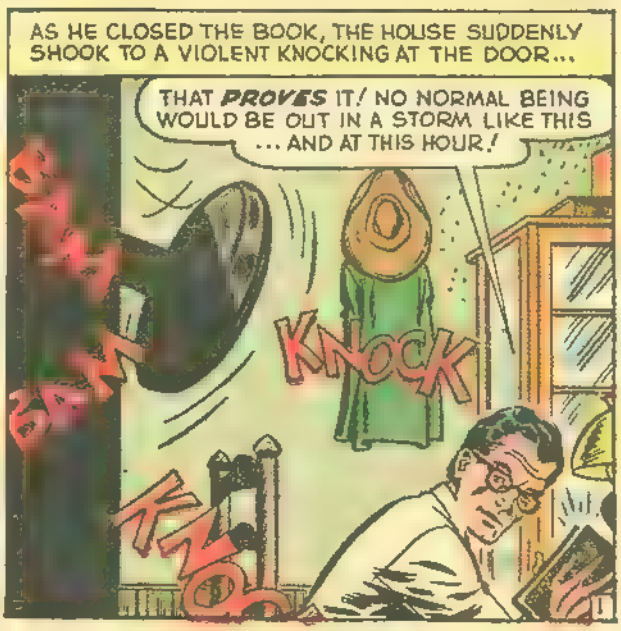

THE RAIN BEAT WILDLY AGAINST THE HOUSE, BUT DOC MASTERS DIDN'T HEAR IT! HE WAS ABSORBED IN THE MEDICAL TEXTS WHICH LITTERED HIS DESK...
CHEMISTRY... BIOLOGY... PHYSICS... ANATOMY! WE HUMANS ARE A COMPLEX LOT... VAIN AND CONCEITED, AND YET WE KNOW LITTLE OR NOTHING ABOUT OURSELVES!


AS HE CLOSED THE BOOK, THE HOUSE SUDDENLY SHOOK TO A VIOLENT KNOCKING AT THE DOOR...
THAT PROVES IT! NO NORMAL BEING WOULD BE OUT IN A STORM LIKE THIS ... AND AT THIS HOUR!
BAM
KNOCK
KLO
1

DOC! YOU'RE MY LAST HOPE! YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE ME! THEY'LL TEAR ME TO PIECES IF THEY GET ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO'S AFTER YOU?
THE MOB! THEY WANT ME FOR MURDER, BUT I'M INNOCENT! THEY TRIED TO LYNCH ME BUT I GOT AWAY!
NOBODY'S GOING TO HURT YOU WHILE YOU'RE IN THIS HOUSE!
TAKE A DRINK OF THIS! IT WILL CALM YOU DOWN LONG ENOUGH TO START MAKING SENSE! WHO ARE YOU?
I'M TED KIRK .. JAMIE KIRK'S YOUNGEST! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU AIN'T SEEN THEIR AWFUL FACES OR HEARD THEM SCREAMIN' AN' SHOUTIN'! THEY'LL BE HERE SOON!
I KNOW THE FACE OF THE MOB! IT'S A FACE OF HATE AND PREJUDICE! IT'S A HUNDRED SHOUTING MEN TURNED INTO A COWARDLY BEAST! YES... I KNOW THE MOB!
IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING! DAD SENT ME DOWN TO BANKER LLOYD GREEN'S HOUSE TO PAY OFF A HEAVY DEBT! I HAD THE MONEY AND GAVE IT TO MR. GREEN!
"GREEN WAS JUST MAKIN' OUT THE RECEIPT WHEN SUDDENLY, SOMETHING CRASHED DOWN ON MY HEAD AN' I WENT BLANK..."
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!
WHACK!
"I WAS OUT COLD, BUT I REMEMBER HEARIN' A SHOT LIKE IT WAS IN A DREAM. ."
WHAM!
2

"NEXT THING I KNEW, IT WAS DARK! I WAS STAGGERIN' AROUND OUTSIDE BANKER GREEN'S HOUSE AN' SOMEBODY WAS SHAKIN ME..!
ALL RIGHT, YUH PICAYUNE RAT! YOU'RE GOIN' TO HANG FER THE MURDER OF LLOYD GREEN! LET'S STRING HIM UP, BOYS!
HUH? N-NO! I DIDN'T KILL GREEN! I D-DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! SOMEBODY HIT ME, AND...
THAT'S THE TRUTH, SO HELP ME! THE MOB GOT BIGGER AN' BIGGER! THEY TRIED TO HANG ME, BUT I GOT AWAY!
I BELIEVE YOU, TED! NOBODY WILL HURT YOU WHILE YOU'RE HERE!
HAND OVER THAT MURDERIN' SKUNK, DOC! WE AIM TO STRING HIM UP AND NOBODY'S GOIN' TO STOP US!
HE'S UNDER MY CARE AND NO MAN WILL DARE TOUCH HIM WHILE HE'S HERE! TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO GO HOME AND COOL OFF! INNOCENT OR GUILTY, THIS BOY DESERVES A TRIAL BY LAW!
WE HAVE LAWS TO DEAL OUT JUSTICE, NOT MOBS! LEAVE THE BOY HERE, I SAY!
SAVE YORE CHATTER, DOC! YOU'RE JUST A WEAK-KNEED SAWBONES, NOT A LAWYER! WE'RE TAKIN' HIM!
DON'T LET THEM HANG ME! I'M INNOCENT, I SWEAR IT! HELP ME, DOC! HELP ME PLEASE!
I'M HELPLESS MYSELF! I'M SWORN TO A SECRET OATH TO HEAL, NOT TO KILL ...BUT I'LL HELP HIM IN ANOTHER WAY!
WORKING SWIFTLY IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS BARN, DOC MASTERS SWITCHED ROLES AND ASSUMED THE GARB OF THE WEST'S MOST LEGENDARY FIGHTING FIGURE... THE BLACK RIDER!
IT'S A LONG CHANCE, BUT WE'VE GOT TO TAKE IT, SATAN! I KNOW THE MOB! THEY'LL TORMENT THEIR VICTIM BEFORE THEY HANG HIM... SO WE MAY HAVE TIME TO WORK!
MINUTES LATER, A TALL, LITHE FIGURE SLIPPED INTO THE SHADOWS OF BANKER LLOYD GREEN'S DESERTED HOME...
NOTHING'S BEEN TOUCHED! KIRK WAS OUT COLD, BUT GREEN MUST HAVE SEEN THE KILLER! HE MAY EVEN HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM!
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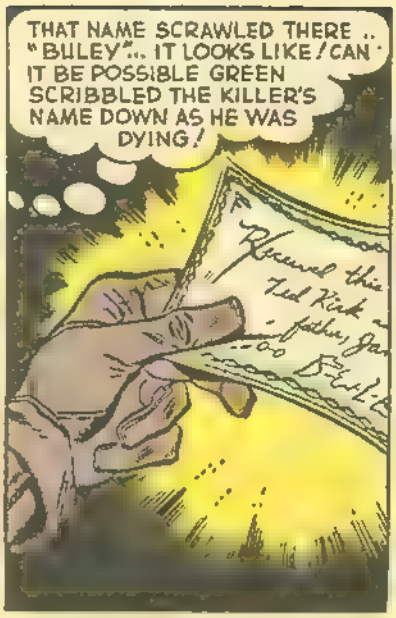
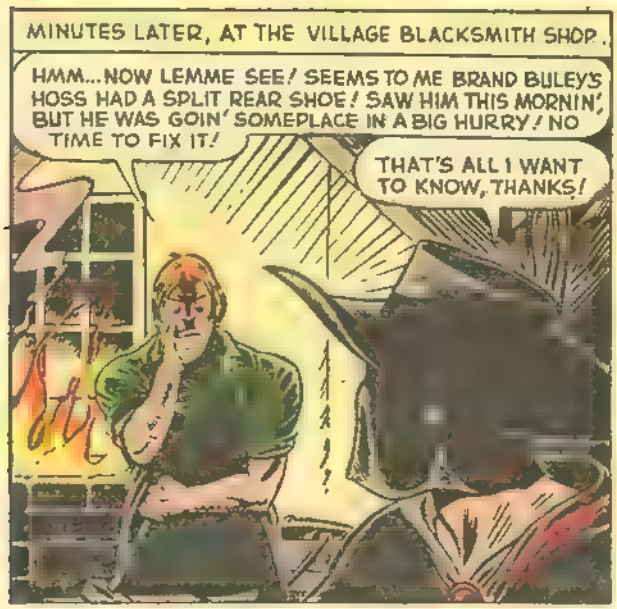
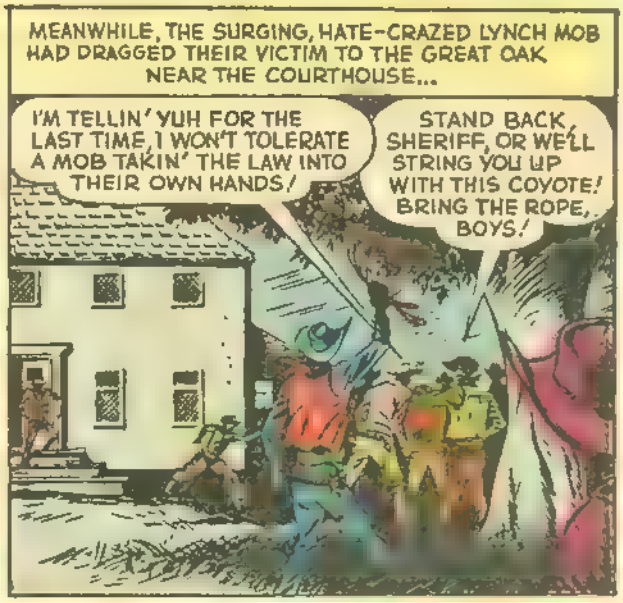
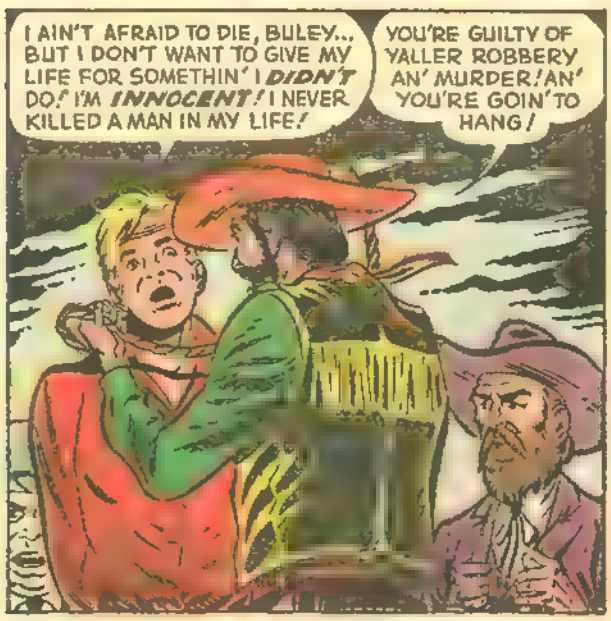
WAIT A MINUTE! HERE'S THE RECEIPT GREEN WAS WRITING OUT WHEN HE WAS SHOT... AND HE MUST HAVE KEPT WRITING FOR A SECOND OR TWO AFTERWARDS!


THAT NAME SCRAWLED THERE .. "BULEY"... IT LOOKS LIKE! CAN IT BE POSSIBLE GREEN SCRIBBLED THE KILLER'S NAME DOWN AS HE WAS DYING!

CONTINUING HIS SEARCH OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, THE BLACK RIDER STUMBLED ON STILL ANOTHER CLUE...
THERE WAS A HORSE HERE WITH A SPLIT SHOE ON HIS RIGHT HIND FOOT! WELL, I CAN CHECK ON THAT RIGHT NOW!


MINUTES LATER, AT THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH SHOP.
HMM...NOW LEMME SEE! SEEMS TO ME BRAND BULEY'S HOSS HAD A SPLIT REAR SHOE! SAW HIM THIS MORNIN', BUT HE WAS GOIN' SOMEPLACE IN A BIG HURRY! NO TIME TO FIX IT!
THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW, THANKS!


MEANWHILE, THE SURGING, HATE-CRAZED LYNCH MOB HAD DRAGGED THEIR VICTIM TO THE GREAT OAK NEAR THE COURTHOUSE...
I'M TELLIN' YUH FOR THE LAST TIME, I WON'T TOLERATE A MOB TAKIN' THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS!
STAND BACK, SHERIFF, OR WE'LL STRING YOU UP WITH THIS COYOTE! BRING THE ROPE, BOYS!


I AIN'T AFRAID TO DIE, BULEY... BUT I DON'T WANT TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR SOMETHIN' I *DIDN'T* DO! I'M *INNOCENT*! I NEVER KILLED A MAN IN MY LIFE!
YOU'RE GUILTY OF YALLER ROBBERY AN' MURDER! AN' YOU'RE GOIN' TO HANG!

WHA...? WHO FIRED THAT SHOT?

I FIRED THAT SHOT, BULEY! IF YOU OR ANY OTHER LYNCH-HAPPY RAT TOUCHES THAT BOY, YOU'LL BE DEAD THREE SECONDS LATER! I GOT A WORD TO SAY AND I AIM TO BE HEARD!
I'VE GOT NO USE FOR MOB VIOLENCE OR FOR MOBS! THE MAN WHO HELPS MAKE UP A MOB IS A YELLOW PIG WHO HASN'T THE COURAGE TO ACT FOR HIMSELF!
YOU'RE A BUNCH OF CHICKENS MASQUERADIN' AS MEN! BULEY, I'M ACCUSING YOU OF MURDERING AND ROBBING LLOYD GREEN... AND I'M HERE TO PROVE WHAT I SAY!
THAT'S A D-DIRTY LIE!
HERE'S THE RECEIPT BANKER GREEN WAS MAKING UP FOR THE MONEY TED KIRK GAVE HIM! BEFORE HE DIED HE SCRAWLED THE KILLER'S NAME ON IT... AND THE NAME IS BULEY!
THE HOOF PRINTS OF A HORSE WITH A SPLIT REAR SHOE WERE OUTSIDE GREEN'S HOUSE! BULEY, YOUR HORSE HAS A SPLIT SHOE THAT MATCHES!
ALL RIGHT! YOU'VE HAD YORE SAY... NOW I'LL HAVE MINE!
WITH GUILT STINGING HIS MIND AND A HUNDRED EYES ON HIM, BRAND BULEY WATCHED FOR AN OPENING AND DREW! IT WAS HIS LAST LIVING ACT...
NOW THE REST OF YOU GO HOME AND LOOK IN YOUR MIRRORS! YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT YOU SEE! THERE'S NO ROOM FOR LYNCHERS IN LEADVILLE!
TH-THANKS, BLACK RIDER!
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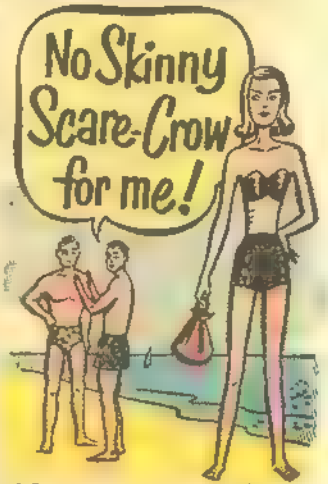

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Lon watched the expression on his son's face, for a moment. Then he smiled. "That, no one can rightly tell, son. At least not until there's a showdown."

The following day, the headlines of the Gunsight Courier proclaimed the fact that: "KELLER CHALLENGES MARAUDER GANG! "Toby Keller dares marauder gang to meet him outside of Gunsight. Says that he will protect the town by killing the much feared killers."

An hour after the paper reached the streets, Toby Keller stormed into the office of the Gunsight Courier.

"Green!" he bellowed, "what in 'tarnation is this all about. I I never said I'd meet them outside of Gunsight. All I said was—"

"Now, wait a minute, Keller." Lon's voice was low and even. Didn't you say that you were going to protect the town against those gunfighters?"

"Yeah, but—"

"And if you kill 'em all outside of town, won't that be protecting the town more than if you waited until they crept in here some dark night and caught you while you wasn't looking?"

Toby scratched his head but found no flaw in Lon's logic.

Lon took a deep breath, and delivered the final stroke.

"Of course that goes without saying that this way, all the world will know that you defeated that crew in an honest gunfight while protecting your town."

"Hmmm. Yuh know, Lon, mebbe yuh got something there."

So saying, he hitched up his gunbelt and strode out of the office. Lon sank into the nearest chair and wiped the sweat from his brow. *That,* he thought to himself, ***must have taken twenty years from my life.***

Once the paper was out, the word spread through Texas like wild-fire. Riders went from town to town, spreading the word of the challenge. And it was one week later that one of the members of the robber gang got the news. In the same manner the challenge was accepted, and the grapevine carried the acceptance back—from town to town—to the expectant citizens of Gunsight.

"Job Ramsey accepts Toby Keller's challenge!"

Noon. August 9th 1862. Toby Keller's men were assembled in force outside the ridge of Aran-

zas Pass. The hot sun beat down overhead causing the sweat and dirt to streak the men's faces with mud. The illusion was of Indians on the warpath—with black paint. Two hours later dust from beyond the ridge betrayed the presence of the invaders, even before the first rider topped the rise.

"All right, boys," shouted Keller, *"charge!"*

When the two sides met, it was amidst the thunder of six-guns and the whinnying-screams of wounded horses. The smoke billowed up in great clouds, obscuring the vision of men who watched from distant hills through spy-glasses. The invaders attacked and Keller's boys counter-attacked. Again and again men from both sides retreated under the heavy fire, only to find themselves in trouble from the rear.

Job Ramsey took a bullet through the neck from Toby Keller's guns, but an hour later Toby was lying in a pool of his own blood, shot through the back by Ramsey's brother. By nightfall, of the vast outlaw army that assembled on the ridge of Aranzas Pass, only a handful of men remained — many of those wounded. The darkness was filled by the screaming-moans of dying men, begging to be put out of their misery.

One of the onlookers, on a nearby hill, was Lon Green. When it was no longer possible to make out the action below, he turned to his son beside him and said: "You can go and tell your ma now, that's why I did it. Now we're rid of Toby Keller and the rest of Texas is rid of Job Ramsey and his gang. In a few minutes the cavalry will be here to round up what's left of them."

One of the men broke in. "Well, I guess there won't be much outlawry left in Texas with those two gangs gone."

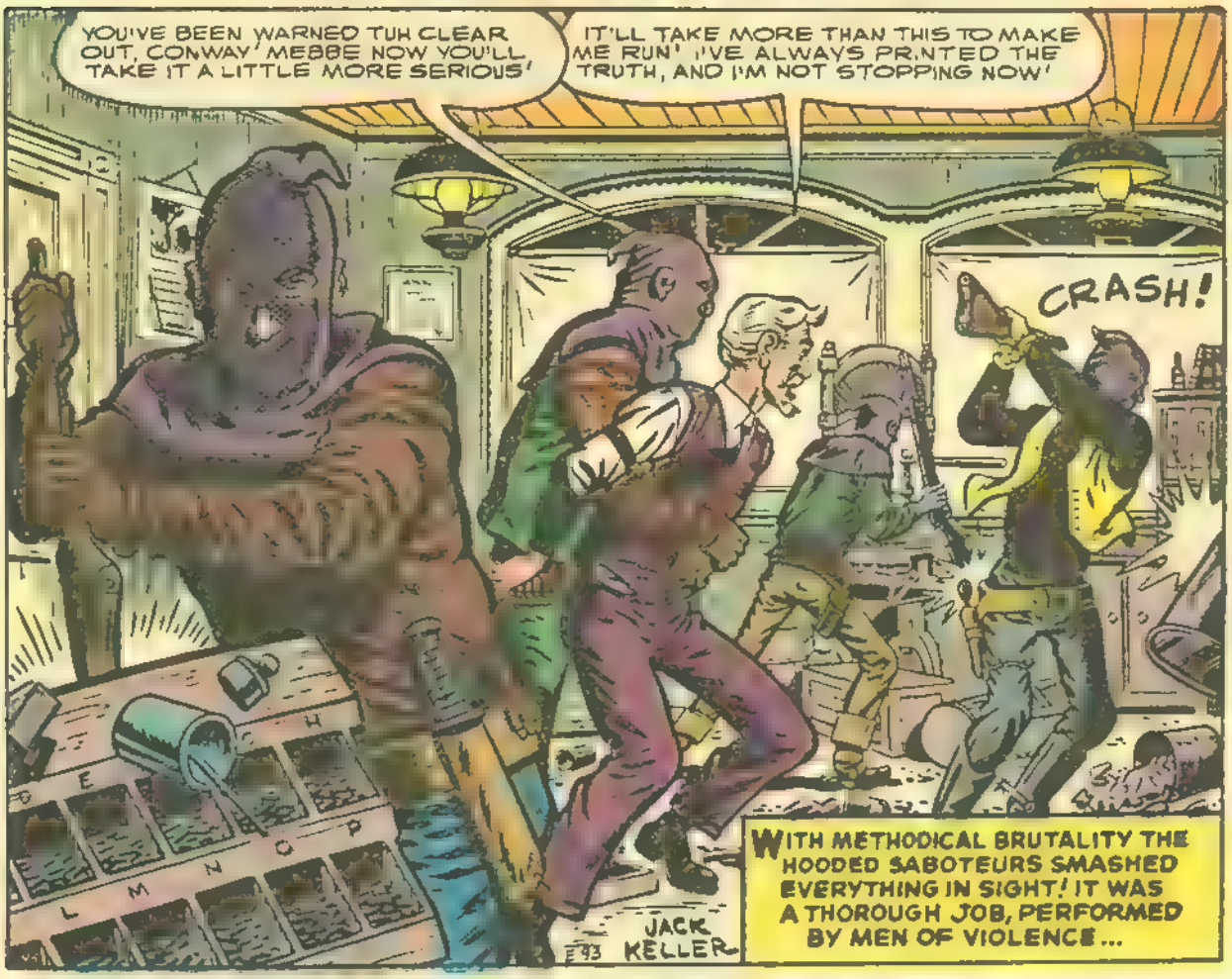
Lon shook his head. "I wish that I could believe that. The trouble is that there are too many men who don't care about the law or hurting people. But, at least these two gangs are wiped out."

Someone yelled: "The army men have rounded them up. Here comes the captain."

The captain rode in and dismounted even before his horse stopped moving. He came up to Lon Green and shook his hand. He said: "Mr. Green, I want to thank you on behalf of the government. We got them all but two unimportant ones who had just joined up. Called the Dalton brothers . . .

THE END

KID COLT OUTLAW


YOU'VE BEEN WARNED TUH CLEAR OUT, CONWAY! MEBBE NOW YOU'LL TAKE IT A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS!
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THIS TO MAKE ME RUN! I'VE ALWAYS PRINTED THE TRUTH, AND I'M NOT STOPPING NOW!
CRASH!
WITH METHODICAL BRUTALITY THE HOODED SABOTEURS SMASHED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT! IT WAS A THOROUGH JOB, PERFORMED BY MEN OF VIOLENCE...
JACK KELLER
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AND AS THE GUNMEN SPUN ABOUT IN SURPRISE, THEIR EYES FOCUSED ON THE TWIN BARRELS OF SMOKING .45'S...
THE PARTY'S OVER! DROP THE GUNS, AN' LINE UP AGAINST THE FAR WALL... PRONTO!
BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
LOOK OUT!
OHHHHH!
CRACK!
I DUNNO WHO THE HOMBRE IS, BUT I FIGGER HE RATES A 45 THROUGH HIS THICK SKULL!
LET 'IM BE! THAT SHOT O' HIS MIGHT BE BRINGIN' OTHERS' FER THE TIME BEIN' WE'D BETTER CLEAR OUT!
WITH THE DESPERADOES' DEPARTURE, CONWAY DRAGGED THE SLUMPED FIGURE ONTO ONE OF THE STOOLS! SLOWLY, CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED.
THAT RIFLE BUTT' LUCKY I SHIFTED MY HEAD SOME, BUT IT SURE PUT ME IN THE DARK!
I'M THE LUCKY ONE, SON! I DON'T KNOW WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE, BUT IF YOU DIDN'T SHOW, I'D'VE BEEN A GONER!
THIS IS WHAT BROUGHT ME! A COUPLE WEEKS BACK YOU RAN AN ARTICLE ON ME! TOLD ALL ABOUT HOW I BECAME AN OUTLAW! HOW MY DAD WAS KILLED BY A BUSHWHACKER, AND ABOUT MY KILLIN' HIM IN RETURN! YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE TO PUT DOWN THE FACTS AS THEY REALLY HAPPENED, AND I CAME HERE TO THANK YOU!
GLORY BE! YOU'RE KID COLT!
TELLING THE FACTS HAS BEEN MY LIFE'S WORK, KID! ONLY NOW, THE CLARION IS FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT!
IT'S GOT ME BURNING MAD! I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT, MR CONWAY! I'D LIKE TO REPAY YOUR KINDNESS... IF YOU'LL LET ME!
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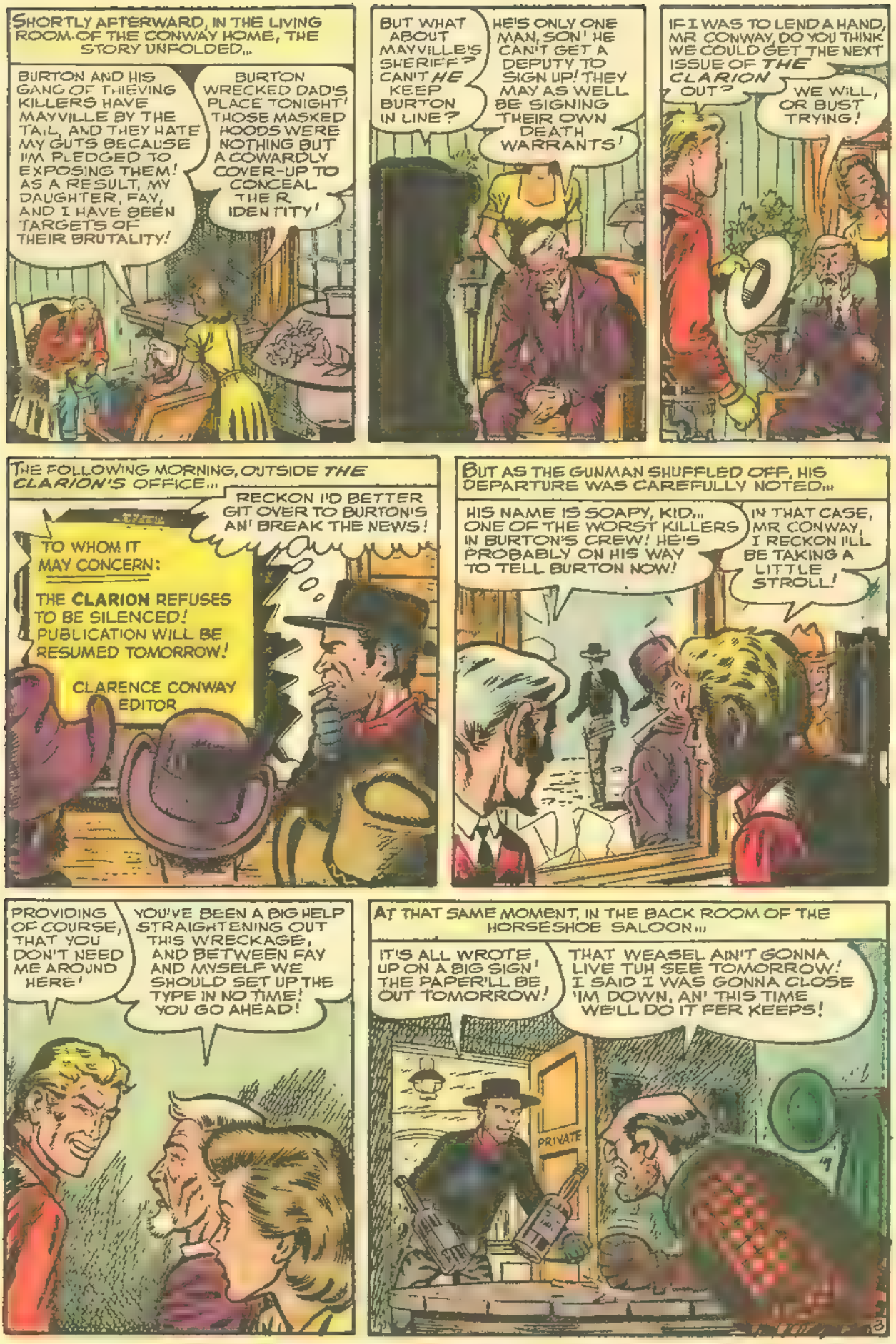
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE CONWAY HOME, THE STORY UNFOLDED..
BURTON AND HIS GANG OF THIEVING KILLERS HAVE MAYVILLE BY THE TAIL, AND THEY HATE MY GUTS BECAUSE I'M PLEDGED TO EXPOSING THEM! AS A RESULT, MY DAUGHTER, FAY, AND I HAVE BEEN TARGETS OF THEIR BRUTALITY!
BURTON WRECKED DAD'S PLACE TONIGHT! THOSE MASKED HOODS WERE NOTHING BUT A COWARDLY COVER-UP TO CONCEAL THE R IDENTITY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT MAYVILLE'S SHERIFF? CAN'T HE KEEP BURTON IN LINE?
HE'S ONLY ONE MAN, SON! HE CAN'T GET A DEPUTY TO SIGN UP! THEY MAY AS WELL BE SIGNING THEIR OWN DEATH WARRANTS!
IF I WAS TO LEND A HAND, MR CONWAY, DO YOU THINK WE COULD GET THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE CLARION OUT?
WE WILL, OR BUST TRYING!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, OUTSIDE THE CLARION'S OFFICE...
RECKON I'D BETTER GIT OVER TO BURTON'S AN' BREAK THE NEWS!
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
THE CLARION REFUSES TO BE SILENCED! PUBLICATION WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW!
CLARENCE CONWAY EDITOR
BUT AS THE GUNMAN SHUFFLED OFF, HIS DEPARTURE WAS CAREFULLY NOTED...
HIS NAME IS SOAPY, KID... ONE OF THE WORST KILLERS IN BURTON'S CREW! HE'S PROBABLY ON HIS WAY TO TELL BURTON NOW!
IN THAT CASE, MR CONWAY, I RECKON I'LL BE TAKING A LITTLE STROLL!
PROVIDING OF COURSE, THAT YOU DON'T NEED ME AROUND HERE!
YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP STRAIGHTENING OUT THIS WRECKAGE, AND BETWEEN FAY AND MYSELF WE SHOULD SET UP THE TYPE IN NO TIME! YOU GO AHEAD!
AT THAT SAME MOMENT, IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE HORSESHOE SALOON...
IT'S ALL WROTE UP ON A BIG SIGN! THE PAPER'LL BE OUT TOMORROW!
THAT WEASEL AIN'T GONNA LIVE TUH SEE TOMORROW! I SAID I WAS GONNA CLOSE 'IM DOWN, AN' THIS TIME WE'LL DO IT FER KEEPS!
PRIVATE
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THEN, AS THE TWO MEN LEFT THE REAR ROOM, THE KID WAS ON HAND AT THE BAR...
I FIGGERED HE CAME IN HERE... AND HERE THEY COME NOW!
WITH A QUICK MOTION, THE KID WHEELED AROUND...
HEY! IT'S THET HOMBRE FROM LAST NIGHT!
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!
BUT WITH THE SPEED OF A STRIKING PANTHER, THE KID'S GUNS LEAPED FROM THEIR HOLSTERS WITH A SNARLING ROAR...
OWWW!
BANG!
BY RECOGNIZING ME, YOU GAVE YOURSELVES AWAY! ONLY THEM MASKED POLE-CATS WHO BROKE INTO CONWAY'S OFFICE WOULD'VE KNOWN I WAS IN TOWN!
MEBBE YUH DID LEARN SOMETHIN', BUT IT AIN'T GONNA DO YOU NO GOOD!
NICE GOIN', CHARLIE!
OHHHH!
WHISKEY 10¢ A SHOT
CRASH!
THIS TIME HE'S GONNA GIT THAT .45!
NOT SO FAST, SOAPY! I HADDA HUNCH THIS HOMBRE'S FACE LOOKED KINDA FAMILIAR, AND NOW I KNOW... HE'S KID COLT THE OUTLAW!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MUH WHOLE LIFE, I'LL BE DOIN' THE LAW A SERVICE! RUN DOWN TUH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TELL OL' MAN CORBETT THET WE'VE CAUGHT 'IM THE BIGGEST FISH IN THE WHOLE DURN WEST!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...
SHERIFF, DO YER DUTY! THIS HOMBRE'S A VICIOUS OUTLAW, AN' IT'S THE DUTY OF YORE OFFICE TUH THROW 'IM IN JAIL!
I RECKON YOU'D BEST COME ALONG EASY-LIKE, KID!
THE LONG HOURS DRAGGED BY AND LATE THAT SAME EVENING, IN THE KID'S CELL...
THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE, SHERIFF, BAD TROUBLE! BURTON'S OUT TO GET CONWAY! ARE YOU GONNA STAND BY AN' LET THOSE HOODED COWARDS KILL HIM?
I'M AN OLD MAN, SON, WITH NARY A DEPUTY TO LEND A HAND! TAKE THIS CELL DOOR FER INSTANCE! IT'S BEEN BUSTED MORE'N A YEAR, AN' NO ONE TO FIX IT!
WHY A PRISONER COULD WALK OUTTA HERE WHEN MUH BACK IS TURNED AN' I'D NEVER KNOW IT!
CLICK!
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE THIS SOAPY CHARACTER HANGS OUT, WOULD YOU, SHERIFF?
FOR ALL I KNOW, HE COULD HAVE A ROOM OVER AT THE ELMS HOTEL! IT COULD EVEN BE ROOM 22 AT THE HEAD O' THE STAIRS, BUT I CAN'T RIGHTLY SAY!
BUT AS THE NIGHT DREW ON, EDITOR CONWAY AND HIS DAUGHTER EXPERIENCED A GROWING CONCERN...
I'M WORRIED, DAD! IF IT'S TRUE THAT SHERIFF CORBETT PUT KID COLT IN JAIL, THEN WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE!
I'M GOIN' TO PRESS, JUST LIKE I SAID! THAT'S THE WAY THE KID WOULD WANT IT ANYWAY!
AND NOW, FAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO GO ON HOME! I'VE GOT MY REVOLVER HANDY, BUT I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER WITH YOU OUT OF HERE!
I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU, DAD! ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!
THAT'S RIGHT! ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, AN' IT'S GONNA HAPPEN *RIGHT NOW!*
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STAMPEDED BY PANIC, CONWAY LEAPED FOR HIS GUN...
GO GIT IT, CONWAY! WE'LL MAKE IT A REAL DUEL!
SURE! ONLY IT'LL BE WITH ME!
WHAT?!
WHY, YUH CRAZY GALOOT, I'LL... OHHHH!
BANG! BANG!
THEN, IN A BLAZE OF CRASHING FURY...
BLAM!
BAM!
POW!
WHRAM!
HEY, YOU AIN'T ONE OF OUR... OHHH!
AND A MOMENT LATER...
DAD! IT'S KID COLT!
THAT'S RIGHT, FAY! I DIDN'T MEAN TUH DRAW IT OUT THIS LONG, BUT I HAD TO GIVE BURTON A CHANCE TO MAKE HIS MOVE!
IT WAS SIMPLE, ONCE THE SHERIFF LET ME OUT I PAID A VISIT TO SOAPY, AN GOT HIM TO TALK! THE PLAN WAS FOR THEM TO MEET SEPARATELY IN FRONT OF YOUR OFFICE! I TIED SOAPY UP, BORROWED HIS HOOD AND JOINED THE PARTY!
I'LL LEAVE THE DETAILS OF CARTING OFF THESE HOMBRES TO YOU AN' SHERIFF CORBETT! FOR MYSELF, I RECKON IT'S TIME I WAS MOVING ON!
I KNOW THERE'S NO HOLDIN' YOU, KID, BUT THERE'LL BE NO FORGETTING YOU E.THER! YOU'VE PRESERVED THE RIGHT OF A FREE PRESS! SO LONG AS WE HAVE MEN LIKE YOU, THE WEST HAS NOTHING TO FEAR!

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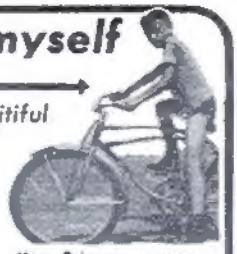

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